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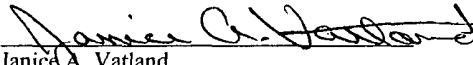
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper Number 15) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on February 11, 2003. A Three Month Extension of Time to and including August 11, 2003 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$520.00 to cover the Three Month Extension of Time and Terminal Disclaimer fee is enclosed.

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